



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 3%

For the week ending September 24, 2005, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.8% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) increased 2.8% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, an increase of 3.7% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending September 17, 2005 compared to 11.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
07/30/05	13,851	14,140	11,425	11,819	11,425	11,820
08/06/05	13,881	14,184	11,439	11,810	11,614	11,813
08/13/05	13,803	13,875	11,416	11,826	11,416	11,827
08/20/05	13,898	14,093	11,481	11,708	11,481	11,711
08/27/05	13,704	13,822	11,569	11,751	11,569	11,806
09/03/05	13,342	13,807	11,509	11,523	11,509	11,598
09/10/05	12,708	13,678	11,584	11,850	11,584	11,850
09/17/05	12,087	13,129	11,501	11,599	11,501	11,599
09/24/05	13,345	13,832	11,181	11,498	11,181	11,498

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 10/01/05	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	68.43	72.41	69.60	62.74
12-City Composite 2/	70.21	73.14	71.38	69.59

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.